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REMARKS

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1. Between 11 and 20 January 1951, the Flak Kaserne in Weimar (N 51/J 57) was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Two units, each of 40 to 50 soldiers with field equipment, marched out of the installation on 11 January. Four groups of 15 to 20 soldiers each were engaged in drill with and without rifles in the barracks yard. Truck [] occupied by 20 soldiers and 250 soldiers were seen drilling on 16 January. Truck [] entered the installation, carrying 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia. A 76.2-mm gun with cylindrical muzzle brake was parked at the south side of the barracks yard. 50X1-HUM
2. Four 76.2-mm guns were still emplaced at Wittersberg and manned by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
3. The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne quartered a unit of about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The central section was occupied by about 300 troops with red-bordered black epaulets, including some wearing motor transport insignia. [] The western barracks section housed Volkspolizei personnel. 50X1-HUM
4. The eastern section of Luetzendorff Kaserne quartered about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About half of the troops were recruits. Units of from 15 to 80 men were practicing drill daily between 11 and 20 January. Truck [] left the installation. The central section of the installation quartered about 700 troops who wore black epaulets with signal insignia. About one-third of the soldiers were recruits. Several groups of from 15 to 50 soldiers were engaged in drill on 11 January 1951. On 16 January about 200 troops were seen at drill while about 15 soldiers returned to the installation on truck [] afterwards two units, each of about 60 men, marched into the billeting area with light field telephones and field wire. The western barracks section housed a hospital. No changes were observed. [] Six guns were still emplaced at the gas works in Weimar. 50X1-HUM

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5. The Mueller Kaserne was still occupied by about 400 troops wearing black epaulets with signal insignia. Radio truck [] with a generator was seen parked in the billeting area. Units of 20 to 40 soldiers were engaged in drill.

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6. The Flieger Kaserne, Nohra, had an estimated occupation of 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some soldiers wearing tank and artillery insignia. Three units, each of about 50 men equipped with rifles, were seen at the installation on 13 January. From the shouting of commands emanating from the billeting area, [] there was intensive training activity in progress.

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7. No changes were observed at the Weimar military post up to 31 January.

8. The Luetzendorff Kaserne was occupied to capacity between 13 and 19 January 1951. Soldiers observed there were red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. []

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9. The barracks installation on Am Herrenroetchen seemed to quarter a tank unit. Several majors wearing tank insignia were seen. Tanks were parked in the barracks yard. No training activity was observed. All the windows of the installation were lighted at dusk. []

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10. At about 3 p.m. on 18 January, a column of trucks towing thirty-eight 85-mm AA guns moved out of the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse, apparently for a field exercise. []

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11. A small ammunition dump, 50x100 meters, was on the east side of Ettersburger Strasse, just northwest of the Flak Kaserne. The radio station on the west side of Ettersburger Strasse was in a low wooden building. Its equipment included an antenna, a generator on blocks, and two radio trucks. A telephone wire was strung from the wooden building in a southerly direction. Two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen on their way to the radio station.

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12. The view into the airfield installation in Nohra is very limited because it is surrounded by dense woods. [] the installation was occupied by a tank unit and [] the bulk of the troops were stationed in the southern airfield section. [] two officers with tank insignia who appeared at the inn were billeted in the southern airfield section. []

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13. Troops seen at the barracks installation on Leipnitzallee included soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. A colonel with red-bordered black epaulets and a major with blue-bordered black epaulets entered the installation. No training activity was seen. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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15. The barracks installation on Hans-wahl-Strasse quartered a tank unit. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Neither training activity nor vehicular traffic were observed. (6)
16. The restricted area on Windmuhlenstrasse was in a fenced-in compound. One of the compound buildings was guarded by sentries wearing green epaulets. From the continuation of Windmuhlenstrasse there was a driveway to a three-story building. The ground floor of another small building was converted into a garage, while its second and third floors were used for EM quarters. There was a shed opposite the building, about 20 meters long, which was used as garage. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
17. Many officers of all branches of service were seen at the kommandatura building on Freiheitsplatz. [redacted] the kommandatura chief was a colonel. Truck [redacted] parked in front of the building. (8) 50X1-HUM

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18. The Soviet billeting area on Zeppelinplatz was bordered on the south of Roehrstrasse, on the west by Friedrich-Engels-Ring, on the north by the intersection of Friedrich-Engels-Ring and Doellstedterstrasse, on the east by Doellstedterstrasse, and on the southeast by Zeppelinplatz. The streets were blocked by board fences. The entire area was occupied by Soviet dependents and was guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets. All persons had to produce identification cards before entering the restricted area.

19. The Sophienhaus hospital installation housed a high-echelon head-quarters. Many officers, especially high-ranking officers, entered or left the installation, while only a small number of EN were seen there. Five buildings of the Sophienhaus installation were used for offices.

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20. The former Landgericht (county court) and the adjoining jail on Kohlstrasse were occupied to capacity by MVD troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets. Officers carrying brief cases were seen. One of the court buildings housed the court rooms and four other buildings served as quarters and offices. All windows of the installation were lighted at dusk. There was no vehicular traffic. The installation was guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets and armed with submachine guns. (10)

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a Volkspolizei unit and the 257th Motor Trans En were believed to be stationed there.

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(3) The AA guns probably belonged to component units of the 13th AAA Div stationed in the Flak Kaserne.

(4) The installation quarters a headquarters signal unit and a motor transport unit of the Hq Eighth Gds Army, to which the motor vehicles reported probably also belonged.

(6) The installation on Jenauer Strasse formerly housed the head-quarters of the German 1st Tank Div. a unit of 200 to 250 men there, allegedly a guard unit of the kommandatura

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(7) The occupation of the restricted area has not been determined. It is possible that elements of the Hq Eighth Gds Army from the Sophien Hospital may be quartered there.

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- (8) [redacted] the Soviet ~~komandatura~~ in Weimar moved from the buildings at the intersection of Freiheitsplatz and Lincolnstrasse to the former SMA building on the southern edge of Karl-Marx-Platz in June 1950. The former ~~komandatura~~ building was converted into an officers' house. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (9) All of the passenger cars observed on Humboldtstrasse belonged to the Hq Eighth Gds Army. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (10) The former county court bounded by Thaelmannstrasse, Meyerstrasse, Kohlstrasse and Salzdorfstrasse was previously reported to house an MGB office, presumably the Operational Sector of MGB for Land Thuringia. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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